

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Program Goal

The Historic Preservation Office works to support the protection, preservation and designation of historic resources throughout the city. The office also works with other city departments to encourage projects that are sensitive to historic building and district character.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The Historic Preservation Office operating budget allowance of \$501,000 is \$54,000 or 12.1 percent more than 2003-04 estimated expenditures. The budget reflects a return to full staffing, a reduction in charges to the capital program and normal inflationary increases. These increases are partially offset by a reduction in consultants to assist in historic designations. This reduction will result in fewer designations being achieved in 2004-05.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Operating Expense	\$380,000	\$447,000	\$501,000
Total Positions	5.0	5.0	5.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$380,000	\$447,000	\$501,000

Historic Preservation Office Major Performance Measures and Service Levels

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2004-05 budget allowance:

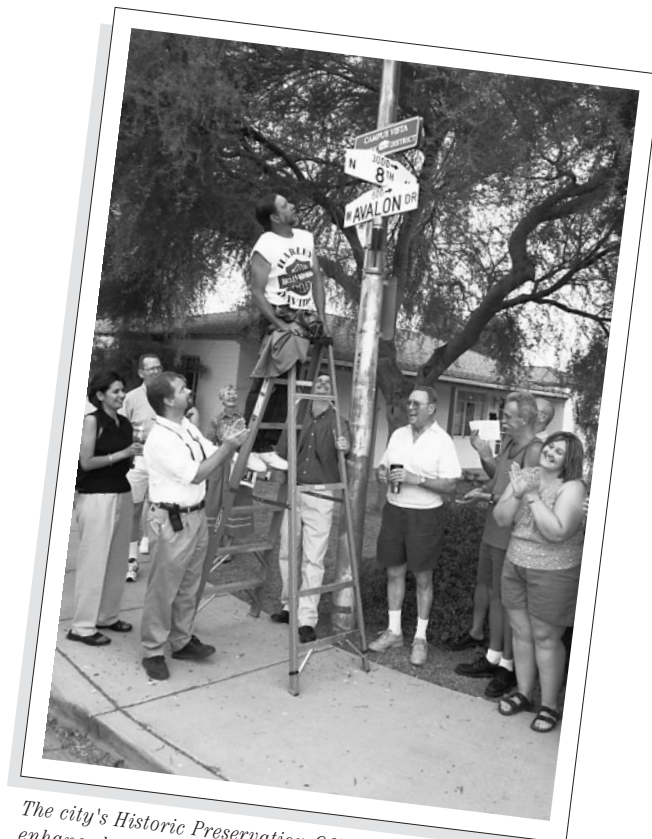
	2002-03	2003-04*	2004-05
Number of design reviews performed on building permits in historic districts	343	460	375
Number of city grants awarded for historic rehabilitation projects	32	35	38

*Based on 10 months actual experience.

The increased number of permits in 2003-04 is the result of an increase in the number of designated historic properties requiring design review of remodeling permits.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) anticipates that the number of design reviews in 2004-05 will actually decrease due to the elimination of historic design reviews for most routine-related permits beginning in April 2004.

City grants are reviewed and awarded to qualified residential property owners in existing Historic Preservation zoned districts three times per year. Grants to qualified commercial property owners are reviewed as they are received by the HPO. The number of grants awarded is anticipated to remain relatively constant over the three-year estimating period.



The city's Historic Preservation Office works to protect and enhance historic neighborhoods and buildings in Phoenix.